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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0781

GENEVA FOR SIEVERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJ: AMCIT CHARLES M. DEAN

1. MRS. DEAN ARRIVED 2 FEBRUARY.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, SHE MET WITH FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT MORNING FEBRUARY 4. PHOUMI WAS MOST APOLOGETIC REGARDING DELAY IN OBTAINING REPLIES TO HIS NUMEROUS QUERIES TO SAM NEUA REGARDING DEAN AND SHARMAN. HE STATED THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO PROVIDE BUT WAS CONFIDENT THAT INVESTIGATOR HAD BEEN SENT TO AREA IN WHICH THE BOYS WERE ALLEGEDLY DETAINED.

3. MRS. DEAN STRESSED THE OBLIGATION OF PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER SON AND NOTED CALMLY, BUT FIRMLY, THAT EVEN IF DEAN/ SHARMAN HAD ENTERED THE OTHER ZONE WITHOUT AUTHORI-
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ZATION, THEIR PROLONGED DETENTION WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE
AND WORRYING FOR HER AND THE DEAN FAMILY.

4. IN DISCUSSING THE DETAILED LETTERS REGARDING
DEAN/SHARMAN, PHOUMI EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT DEAN/
SHARMAN HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SMUGGLE LETTERS OUT
WITH THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY IN FACT WERE DETAINED IN
THE PATHET LAO ZONE. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED WITH
SOME VEHEMENCE THAT IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO BELIEVE
THAT EMBASSY WOULD CONFECT THIS INFORMATION AND
ALLEGED THAT PHOTOGRAPHS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PLACE
IN WHICH DEAN/SHARMAN WERE INCARCERATED. PHOUMI
BACKED AWAY FROM THIS SUPPOSITION.

5. THROUGHOUT THIS CONVERSATION, PHOUMI AFFIRMED
HIS DESIRE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DEAN STRESSED THAT WHILE RECEIPT
OF INFORMATION WOULD BE MOST REASSURING, WE DESIRED
THE RETURN OF DEAN/SHARMAN THEMSELVES AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

6. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DEAN HAVE APPOINTMENTS
WITH THE PRINCES AT LUANG PRABANG AFTERNOON OF
FEBRUARY 4.

7. PLEASE PASS FOREGOING TO HOWARD DEAN.
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